(b) whether Government areaware of the fact that the electronicdigital switching system is moresuited for Indian conditions becauseof the heavy, demand for telephone
connections;

(c) whether it: ig a fact that the functioning. of the telephone ex. changes are tardy and they are/not giving better -services: to the custo mers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-TIONS'(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The functioning of telephone exchanges "is generally satisfactory. However, in some areas it may not be as good as per the expectations of the customers.

(d) Steps being taken to improve the i telecommunications services are as under;

(i) Introduction- of sophisticated electronic telephone exchanges to avoid problems inherited with Electro Mechanical switching equipment used hitherto.

(ii) 'Replacement of life expired equipment.

(Ui) Intensive testing of ex change equipment and rectification of faults.

(iv) Vigorous monitoring of air-conditioning plants working in the exchanges.

(v) Laying of new junction, primary and secondary cables in ducte ta protect them for external
damage s. '

(vi) Pressurisation of primary, secondary, and junction cables to minimise cable break down fault

(vii) Eiehabilitation of subscribers fittings and ESP boxes to minimise, fauits on the lines.

(viii) Replacement of overhead wires by insulated drop wires and underground cables to avoid faults due to kite strings birdnests etc.

(ix) Use of, improved telephone instruments.; -

(x) Opening of public grievance cells at GM and Area Manager Officers to provide single, outlet attention te subscribers.

(xi) A Mission 'Better Communication' hag been launched to „ improve the telecom,. system in India.

Delivery charge by Post andtTeler fraph Departmebr

576. SHRI PRAMOD MAIIAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact/that Post and Telegraph Department is-proposing a 'Door Delivery charge' fdr giving the-articles at door steps of "the multi-storeyed buildings. in the country; and -

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Losses/profits earned by Air-India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot

577. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of 'CTVTL AVIA TION be pleased to refer to the ans wer to Starred Question 1Q3 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1987 and state what are the net losses/ profits earned by Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot during the last three year*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSTRY OF CIVIL "AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The information i$_s$ given below:

(i\. in Grair)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
	Net profit/loss		
	(+) (—)		
Air-India	44·69	66·00	22·05 (Budgeted)
Indian Airline	52·84	63·22	41·20 (estimated)
Vayudoot	0·13	(-) ·78	0·06 (estimated)

बन्दरगाहों पर माल की सम्भलाई

578. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश की लघु, मध्यम और बड़ी बंदरगाहों पर सम्भलाई किए गए माल की पृथक्-पृथक् मात्रा क्या है ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इनमें से प्रत्येक बन्दरगाह के विकास के लिये कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई तथा संबंधित राज्यों द्वारा इस संबंध में कितनी धनराशि की मांग की गई ; और

(ग) हजीरा बन्दरगाह के विकास की क्या योजना है ?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) देश के विभिन्न लघु, मंझोले और महापत्तनों पर वर्ष 1983-84, 1984-85, और 1985-86 के दौरान हैंडल किए गए कार्गो की मात्रा निम्नलिखित है :—

(हजार टन)

वर्ष	महापत्तन	मंझोले/लघु पत्तन
1983-84	100181	8408
1984-85	106736	9392
1985-86	120039	8621

(ख) देश के विभिन्न पत्तनों में से केन्द्र सरकार महापत्तनों के रूप में घोषित पत्तनों के विकास के लिए सीधे जिम्मेदार है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान महापत्तनों के विकास के लिए प्रदान किए गए वित्तीय परिव्यय नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

(करोड़ रुपए)

क्रम संख्या	पत्तन का नाम	1984-85 परिव्यय	1985-86 परिव्यय	1986-87 परिव्यय
1	2	3	4	5
1.	(क) कलकत्ता	9.00	7.35	12.00
	(ख) हल्दिया	5.00	5.60	12.15
	(ग) भगीरथी हुगली रिवर ट्रेनिंग वर्क	5.90	6.00	6.00
2.	बंबई	20.74	39.60	52.39
3.	मद्रास	43.81	29.25	14.25